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Irrigation

Alleged inconvenience in crossing the surplus flow of water of the Surada reservoir near Barady.

* 6 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to enquire into the inconvenience felt and the loss of lives of men and animals sustained in crossing the surplus flow of water of the Surada reservoir near the village of Barady in the Ganjam district?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether this report includes also a detailed enquiry into the matter, and, if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the report when they receive it ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The question, Sir, states the points on which information was desired, and a report has been called for on them. I do not quite know what the hon. Member still wants to know. When we have got the information, we will consider whether any action is necessary."

His Excellency's reply to the address of the Bellary District Board regarding Tungabhadra Project.

* 7 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether in his reply to the address of the Bellary District Board regarding the Tungabhadra Project His Excellency the Governor stated that he was unable to say whether the project would be ultimately taken up for this reason, among others, that a Native State was interested in starting a similar scheme ; and

(b) whether the Government is aware of any such scheme and, if so, what it is ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is understood that the Mysore Government have under consideration the construction of a reservoir at Lakkavalli on the Bhadra river.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Sir, may I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether the Government is in correspondence with the Mysore Government to see that, in the execution of their schemes, the Tungabhadra project that is contemplated does not suffer ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I need hardly say that that is our object."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" I am asking, Sir, a definite question, whether the Government are in correspondence with the Mysore Government to prevent the possibility of the Tungabhadra project being affected by the schemes of that Government ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I said, Sir, that it is our object."

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Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether in the Tungabhadra project that is contemplated, the Nellore and Guntur districts are included ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I must ask for notice for that, Sir."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" In clause (a) of this question, it is suggested that a Native State was interested in starting a similar scheme. May I know which is the Native State which is concerned in this matter ? Are the Government aware that the Mysore Government has got any project ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I don't quite catch what the hon. Member is saying."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" In view of the new site chosen for the dam of the Tungabhadra project, is it not a fact that we are not likely to come into conflict with any Indian State ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I should be very glad if that were so."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the hon. Member is aware that the question of the importance of supply to Mysore from the Tungabhadra was considered already when the original project was worked out and it was found that so far as the new project was concerned the uplands of Mysore would be affected ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is furnishing information to the Government."

Berm-cutting in Cuddapah district.

*8 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to G.O. Mis. No. 2463, Revenue, dated 30th November 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued orders in the matter of ' berm-cutting ' in the Cuddapah district ;

(b) if so, what the order is ;

(c) if in pursuance thereof the Collector has drawn up a programme ; and

(d) if he has, what it is ?

A.—(a) to (d) Orders have not yet been issued. Reports from the Board of Revenue and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation are awaited.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member, considering the length of time occupied on this matter, whether the Government would get things done in a more expeditious manner ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It is being done as soon as practicable."